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Missouri Valley College

The Corner Stone of Stewart Chapel Laid by the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Missouri

The Public Schools of the City Participated in the Exercises. A Proud Day for the Friends of Missouri Valley College and the City of Marshall

The corner stone of the new Missouri Valley College chapel was laid to-day, Tuesday, April 10, 1906, by the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of Missouri, under the direction of Grand Master A. S. Houston, of Mexico, Mo. The ceremonies were interesting and imposing and the occasion was one of which the college and our citizens generally may well be proud. Upward and onward has been the motto of this splendid seat of learning from the time of its inception, and that greater things are in store for it in the future, there can be no doubt.

Many difficulties have been encountered since laying the corner stone of the main college building, April 10, 1889, seventeen years ago. Dr. W. H. Black has been at the helm, and this wonderful self-reliant man, who has few equals as an educator, and withal can grapple with the realities with a master-hand, has, with

truth and righteousness for his safeguard, piloted this ship of learning into clear waters, and those who have so ably assisted with their means and influence in bringing the college to its present high standard, congratulate themselves upon the institution's good fortune in having such a leader.

With the college's marvelous growth it has been evident for several years that the present chapel was inadequate to the needs of the school. It was not, however, until a year ago this month it was known to our citizens that if they would do their part one of the board of trustees of the college, and one who had noted its progress with pride and satisfaction, would donate the funds to build a new one.

April 6, 1905, the board of trustees met in this city, with the donor of the proposed chapel, library and music building, present. After an all-day session, in which all phases of such demands as the new building, which involved $80,000, would entail, were carefully considered by president, bankers, lawyers and business men the proposition of the donor, which follows was unanimously and heartily accepted:

THE PROPOSITION.

In the proposition of the donor there were three main features: 1. The donor proposed to erect the building, estimated to cost about $30,000. 2. The City of Marshall is required to put up $10,000. 3.

The Cumberland Presbyterians in the state, outside of Marshall, are required to give $40,000.

We give below the exact form of the donor's proposition, withholding only his name, which is attached to the original paper.

On condition that the citizens of Marshall, Mo., will, by September 1, 1905, give the sum of ten thousand ($10,000) dollars either to the permanent endowment fund of Missouri Valley College, or partly to said fund and partly to build a boiler-house plant hereinafter mentioned, and said college will by said date raise the sum of forty thousand ($40,000) dollars additional, in new money, to be used for the purpose hereinafter stated and none other, I will pay to erect for said college a chapel, library and music building to cost, including the seating of the chapel and gallery and wiring, piping and radiators for said new building, to be at least one hundred and twenty feet long by sixty feet wide, not to exceed in cost thirty thousand ($30,000) dollars, the plans and specifications therefor to be satisfactory to the board of trustees and the president of said college, said chapel, library and music building to be contracted for by said college and to be built by it under the supervision of a building committee appointed by said board of trustees; conditioned further that a suitable, proper and creditable building for the purpose and of the size aforesaid can be completed free from liens or debts

for not exceeding said sum of thirty thousand dollars, I to be under no obligations, however, to pay more than the actual, suitable and proper cost of said building and credited on account of the cost thereof with the sum of ten thousand ($10,000) dollars already paid by me to the treasurer of said college and also with any income on said ten thousand dollars derived or accrued before said sum is expended on said building.

The above mentioned sum of forty thousand dollars to be expended for the following purposes: 1. A suitable boiler house plant to heat the present college, Birkhead dormitory and said new chapel, library and music building, if the $10,000 first above mentioned is not used for or shall not be sufficient to complete the same free from liens or debt. 2. To move the library and chapel in the present college building to said new building, making such changes in the present college building as may be proper on account of such removal, providing a record vault and furnishing the new chapel, library, reading, toilet and music rooms. 3. All the remainder of said $40,000 to the permanent endowment fund of said college.

And the further condition that this proposition be complied with in such time that the building of said chapel, library and music building can be begun by September 10, 1905.

Marshall and the college people realizing that it

was "up to them" to make good the conditions as stated above, went to work with a will, and by the specified time, Marshall's $10,000 and the $40,000 required by the college people, which included the Cumberland Presbyterians of the state outside of Marshall, was in the hands of the building committee appointed by the board of trustees. In a short time the $15,000 heating plant for heating the three buildings was fully under headway and is now nearing completion.

As soon as the weather would permit, work on the foundation of Stewart chapel was commenced and has been rapidly pushed, in order to lay the corner stone in the same month and on the same day the corner stone of the main building was laid seventeen years ago. In spite of hindrances occasioned by the weather, during February and March, everything was in readiness for the august ceremony which has been looked forward to with so much pleasure and interest.

The day dawned bright and beautiful, filling the hearts of all interested with good cheer; the school children, inspired by the thought of the participation they would have in the laying of the corner stone of the Stewart chapel, where many of them will no doubt receive their diplomas, did splendid work in the forenoon and enjoyed to the fullest the holiday of the afternoon.

Anticipation of the event and the presence of a large number of visitors, acted as a tonic to our citi-

zens and they stepped more quickly than they have for months, realizing that something was doing. The presence of the William Jewell and Missouri Valley College baseball teams on our streets, with colors flying, also added interest and engendered college spirit and the game which followed the laying of the corner stone was not only the finest of the season, but was attended by a large crowd.

Suffice it, the day will be a memorable one in the history of Marshall's educational interests and will only be equaled by the dedicatory services of Stewart chapel, which will take place in June, during commencement week.

THE PARADE.

At 1.30 the parade to the college campus started from the Masonic Temple in the following order, headed by the Marshall brass band and in charge of Grand Marshal Gordon Robertson: First, Missouri Commandery No. 36 Knights Templars, escorting the Grand Lodge, with grand officers in the rear; then came the pupils of the High School and East and West buildings led by Superintendent E. J. Scott and the board of directors of the Marshall public school: Dr. G. E. C. Sharp, Jacob VanDyke, W. S. Huston, Abiel Leonard, John W. Rose and E. E. Barnum.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Grand Lodge were as follows: Grand Master A. S. Houston, Deputy Grand Master C. H. Briggs, Senior Grand Warden R. E. L. Smith, Junior Grand Warden Joshua Barbee, Grand Treasurer A. C. Stewart, Grand Secretary Jno. R. Parsons, Grand Senior Deacon C. W. Lacy, Grand Junior Deacon L. Lowenstein, Grand Tyler Frank Leister, Grand Marshal Gordon Robertson, Grand Chaplain Dr. Wm. H. Black, Grand Senior Steward J. S. Wilson, Grand Junior Steward Wilbur Hupp.

Missouri Commandery No. 36, Knights Templars, acted as escort to the Grand Lodge, under the command of Maj. R. W. Nicolds, Emminent Commander.

The officers of the commandery are as follows: Eminent Commander R. W. Nicolds, Generalissimo J. W. Carter, Captain General L. L. Whitman, Excellent Prelate J. E. Abbott, Senior Warden C. M. Buckner, Junior Warden C. W. Bridges, Standard Bearer Louis Richardson, Sword Bearer Clinton Barnhill, Tyler W. S. Culver.

The procession entered the college campus at the northwest gate and was greeted by the college students, who were lined up on either side of the walk, that was bordered by the college colors. As the procession passed through the campus, the students sung "The Purple and the Gold." The Masons formed on

the platform and the nine hundred school children took their places on the west part of the building.

Grand Master A. S. Houston opened the ceremonies at the chapel with a most appropriate address. He dwelt upon the importance of erecting public buildings, especially those devoted to the cause of education, and explained the time-honored custom of laying corner stones by Masons and detailed the history of Masonry and told what the craft had done for the betterment of mankind and in promoting progress in every branch of industry. He said, "The building of whose corner stone we lay to-day, is to be devoted to the noblest purpose of mankind, the education of the young," and he expressed the hope that those who go forth from this institution may be as a golden stream to bless mankind.

Grand Chaplain Wm. H. Black led in prayer and with much feeling invoked a blessing upon the building whose corner stone was laid to-day.

Grand Secretary John R. Parsons read the inventory of the contents of the box that was deposited in the corner stone which was as follows:

CONTENTS OF CORNER STONE.

Pictures of A. C. Stewart, the founder of the building, and of his father, mother, wife, son, daughter, and their two grandsons.

Pictures of the present members of Board of Trustees.

Pictures of the contributing members of the Faculty.

Pictures of the prominent ministers connected with the founding of Missouri Valley College.

Pictures of the judges of the Circuit and Criminal Courts of Saline County, and other prominent citizens.

Pictures of the President of the United States of America, and of the Governor of Missouri.

Selected catalogues and bulletins of Missouri Valley College.

Selected teaching outlines for class-room work.

Minutes of the Synod of Missouri Cumberland Presbyterian Church since 1883.

Minutes of General Assembly, 1903, 1904, 1905, showing the history of the action on Union with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Copy of partial final report on Union.

Marshall City Directory, 1903, and Saline County Telephone Directory.

Copies of Marshall newspapers.

Three Bibles, the King James, the English Revised, and the American Standard Revised.

The original proposition made by the donor, since increased to $32,068.97.

Complete lists of all the contributors to the proposition, amounting in all to $87,068.97.

Grand Treasurer A. C. Stewart then deposited the box within the stone and spoke as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren and Friends:—I deposit this box in this corner stone with the profoundly heartfelt wish that the building it will partly help support may be speedily and successfully completed without accident or injury to any, and may never subserve any but the most practical purposes for highest and best human good; that it may last as long as in the nature of things and the materials of which it shall be constructed it should last; that whether this box and its contents shall ever be again exposed to the gaze of man or not, generation after generation of the far distant future shall have abundant cause to testify that this building has always stood for, helped and witnessed, a wider diffusion of knowledge, a greater increase of wisdom, a more universal practice of righteousness and holy living in the daily lives of all our people, and an ever-growing number of those who shall manifest in time the present possession of eternal life through Iesus Hominem Salvator ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.

The ceremonies of laying the corner stone in the ritualistic form of the order, by Grand Master Houston, Deputy Grand Master Briggs, Senior Grand Warden Smith and Junior Grand Warden Barbee were then rendered in an impressive manner.

Prayer was then offered by Grand Master Houston.

The Grand Honors were then given by the Masons present. The Grand Master then delivered the closing charge and admonition. Dr. William Black was introduced and thanked the Knights Templars, the Masons and the public schools and all friends who have participated in the ceremonies of to-day, and especially the donor of the building.

Professor E. J. Scott, superintendent of the Marshall public schools, delivered a pleasing address in which he took pleasure in extending the congratulations of the public schools to Missouri Valley College.

Dr. W. H. Briggs delivered the principal address of the occasion. He spoke of the progress made by Missouri Valley College and its fortunate location. He explained the objects and purposes of Masonry and told what it has done in the past and what it is doing to-day. His speech was a splendid presentation of the teaching of the great fraternity.

Grand Chaplain W. H. Black pronounced the benediction, which closed the exercises of a day that will be long remembered by the friends and well-wishers of Missouri Valley College who were so fortunate as to be present on this interesting occasion.

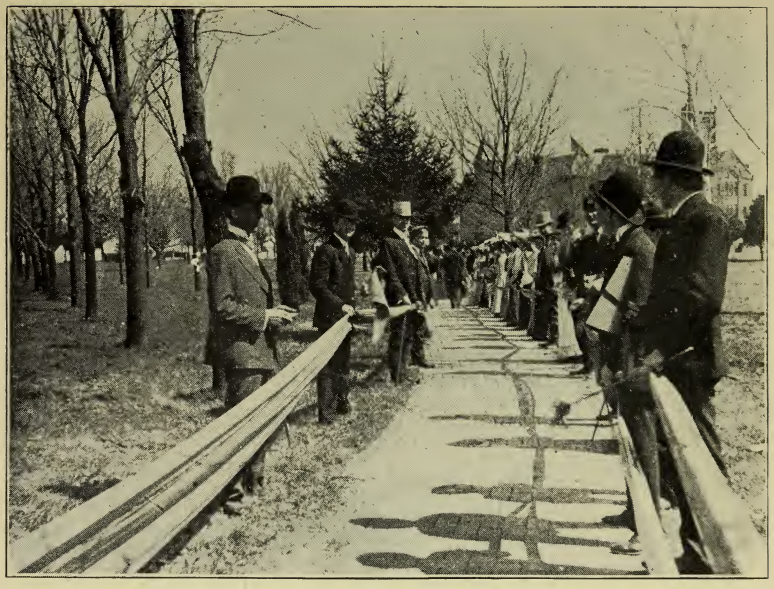
VISITORS.

Louis Richardson, J. M. McClelland, Nelson; C. L. Lawless, Capt. Alfred Allison, Judge B. J. Orear, V. R. Lawless, Orearville; M. W. Walker, Rev. W.

A. Bass, Thomas Malter, Malta Bend; Daniel Bixler, Blackburn; J. A. McCarter, Chillicothe, Mo.; Ambrose Stewart, Napton.

DIMENSIONS OF CHAPEL.

The chapel will be 66 feet by 126 feet, containing library rooms, five in number—large chapel seating over a thousand people, and eight rooms devoted exclusively to music—the whole contracted for by Mr. E. R. Page, at $32,068.97. This amount to be paid by the donor of the chapel. Other friends, outside of Marshall, contributed $45,000. and the Marshall people $10,000—making a total of $87,068.97.—*Democrat-News.*



COLLEGE STUDENTS READY TO WELCOME THE MASONS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THE HEAD OF THE PROCESSION

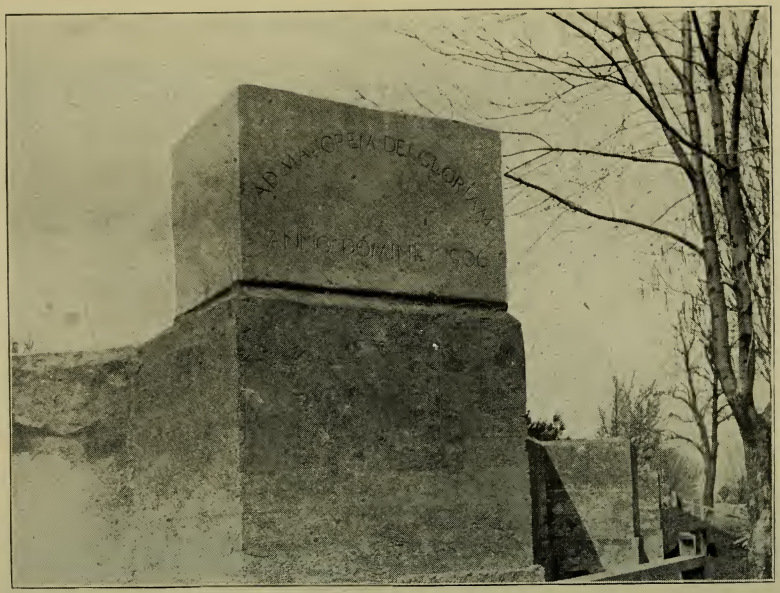
THE KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

A GLIMPSE OF THE CROWD

ANOTHER VIEW OF THE CROWD

MAKING THE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

THE GRAND LODGE A. F. AND A. M. AT WORK



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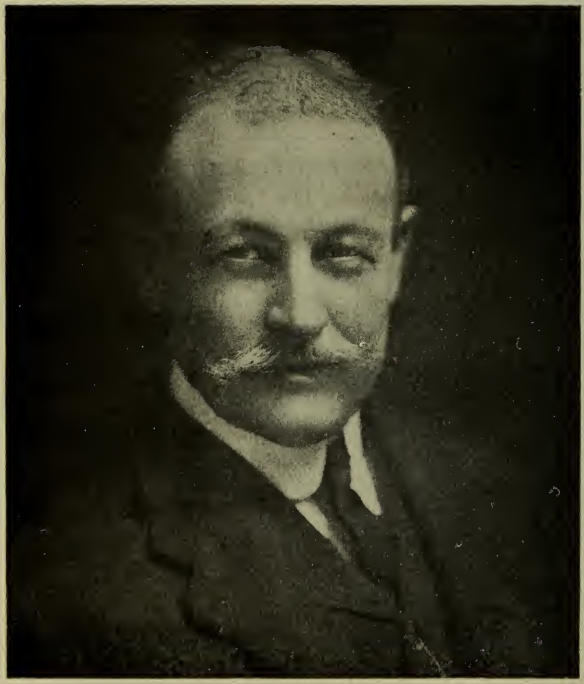

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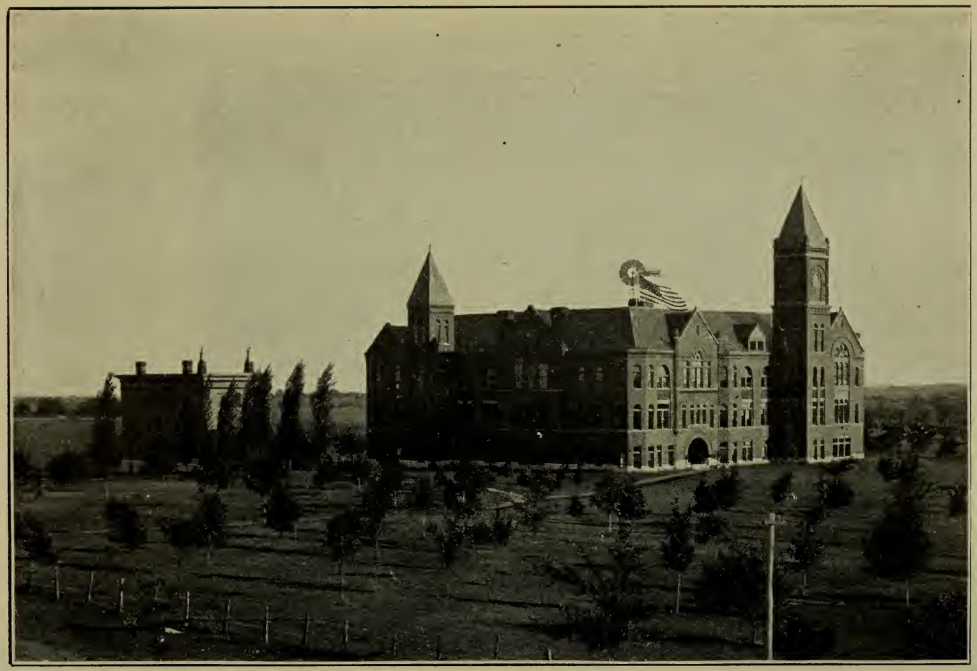

BEFORE THE NEW BUILDINGS WERE ADDED

MAIN BUILDING AND MEN'S DORMITORY IN REAR

DORMITORY

A LOOK THROUGH THE CAMPUS

FOOTBALL—REAR VIEW OF MAIN BUILDING AND BIRCKHEAD DORMITORY

A FRONT VIEW

"12-20"

BASKETBALL

TENNIS COURTS

CHEMICAL LABORATORY

FOOTBALL TEAMS

THE OLD CHAPEL TO BE CONVERTED INTO A MUSEUM WHEN STEWART CHAPEL IS FINISHED

BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

PUTTING ONE OF THE BOILERS IN THE NEW ENGINE HOUSE

THE NEW ENGINE HOUSE NEAR COMPLETION—THE BOILER IN USE

IT'S THE "ONLY WAY"

THE CHICAGO

AND

ALTON RAILW'Y

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